

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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WAAC'Y PREP WITH ELLEN

The Western Association for Art Conservation (WAAC) is having its 2009 conference here in Juneau from August 19-21 2009. If you are attending this conference, check out State Museum staffer Ellen Carrlee's Juneau tips at <http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com/2009/08/04/waac-2009-in-juneau-pre-blog/>.

LOUISA WHITMARSH RETIRES FROM PELICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Aja Razumny reports, "Pelican Friends' of the Library held a retirement party this week for Louisa Whitmarsh, City Librarian for 10+ years. Louisa and her husband have lived in Pelican for nearly 30 years. They are retiring to the Lower 48 in August. The Friends wrote " Louisa has been a great asset to our community and she will be greatly missed." We wish Louisa Happy Trails and sunny weather."

MISTY WACHTER JOINS TAKOTNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Aja also reported on an addition to Alaska's library community, "New librarian in Takotna, Misty Wachter. Her mom, Kim Levato was the former librarian. Guess it runs in the family. Welcome, Misty."

Takotna is located in Interior Alaska on the north bank of the Takotna River in a broad scenic river valley, 17 air miles west of McGrath in the Kilbuck-Kuskokwim Mountains. For more information about Takotna, visit the Community Database Online at http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF_COMDB.htm. Community Database Online is a service of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

PUBLIC LIBRARY TABLE AT LOCAL FARMER'S MARKET

The Gustavus Public Library sets up a table at the Summer Farmer's Market at the Salmon River Park. This is open each Saturday during the summer from 9 to 12. Sylvia Martinez brings the library's fund-raiser quilt raffle tickets for sale, plus a box of discarded and duplicate donation books to give away. She lays them out on a table and takes donations for the library. Sylvia sits amid other adult and child vendors selling vegetables, berries, hand-made knitted items, cards, jewelry, clothing, and T-shirts. Other library folk show up and play banjos and guitar and folks sing along. One farmer brings baby lambs, a chicken, a rooster, a duck some days. "A good time is had by all" – that's a Gustavus quote. (Submitted by Kate Boesser via Patience Frederiksen.)

If your library, archives or museum has recently had a booth in a nontraditional place such as this, please drop a line to the *Friday Bulletin*. We want to highlight your innovative marketing/promotion efforts for the whole Alaskan cultural community.

ARTICLE DESCRIBES COMMERCIAL FISHERIES COLLECTION AT ALASKA RESOURCES LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE (ARLIS)

Anchorage librarians Daria Carle, Ed Kazzimir, and Celia Rozen coauthored an article which was published electronically in the International Association of Aquatic & Marine Science Libraries & Information Centers (IAMSLIC) 2008 Conference Proceedings. The paper, CommFish: All About Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Collections, was originally presented at the IAMSLIC annual meeting in September 2008 in Fiji by Daria. Articles published in the IAMSLIC Proceedings are indexed in CSA's Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts database, one of the nearly 200 online databases available through the Consortium Library.

The article describes the CommFish collection, one of the more unique holdings in ARLIS that documents the entire management history of Alaska's commercial fisheries. The CommFish reports, including primary source data reported nowhere else, precede statehood and capture in great detail the extent, scope, successes, failures, policy decisions, and inventories of Alaska's fisheries statewide. ARLIS inherited these extensive collections from several ADF&G libraries over a period of years. Most of the items had never been distributed outside of the agency, and ARLIS often owns the only copy. Recently, ARLIS has spent much time and effort to provide original cataloging for these materials in OCLC. The paper also details ARLIS' approach to cataloging these complex materials, and will be of interest to librarians facing similar challenges. Congratulations to Daria, Ed and Celia. (Submitted by Steve Rollins, Dean, UAA/APU Consortium Library via Patience Frederiksen)

ASCA HONORED FOR SUMMER READING PARTNERSHIP

The Alaska State Council for the Arts' partnership in Alaska's Summer Reading Program was favorably highlighted in e-newsletter of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. ASCA thinks that is pretty cool and so do we. See the full article at http://www.enewsbuilder.net/nasaanotes/e_article001508221.cfm?x=bfSQw68,b7Q7s7Cn. Hat tip to Sue Sherif for this item.

8/26/2009 –MYSTERY BOOK BUZZ WEBCAST

If you're near a computer on Wednesday, 8/26/2009, consider viewing this webcast:

Mystery Book Buzz

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EVENT DATE: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 - 2:00 PM ET/10 AM/AK T - 60 minutes

Mystery fiction is high on the list of public library patrons - and the genre is as broad as it is deep. While detective fiction may be the most popular form of mystery fiction, there are dozens of other variations which keep these avid readers returning to the library again and again, including thrillers, cozies, romantic suspense and good old police procedurals.

A well-known readers' advisory consultant, Joyce Saricks, has written that "mysteries tend to be in-depth examinations of human nature, probing the why almost as frequently as the who and how. They are also morality plays, and justice, or the restoration of order, is at the heart of the solution in Mysteries. When "legal justice" is not an option, investigators take the law into their own hands. As they do in most genre fiction, readers expect the good guys to win and the bad guys to be punished."

Library foot traffic is up all around the country and so is circulation. Help your library patrons escape momentarily from the stress and anxiety of the current economic situation by filling the library shelves with the latest titles from their favorite mystery writers!

Join us for a 60-minute Mystery Book Buzz webcast sponsored by four leading publishers who will introduce the best of their Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 titles, as well as important midlist and back-in-print titles. Register for this at <http://www.LibraryJournal.com/mysterybookbuzz2009>. (Hat tip to Aja Razumny for this item)

2010 CENSUS PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

It's not too early to be thinking about how to get people to fill out their Census forms next April. The Census Bureau has a number of downloadable promotional materials available at http://2010.census.gov/2010census/promotional_materials/009579.html. Aside from being an obligation assigned in Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, the Census is also used to allocate federal funding and create eligibility criteria for federal programs.

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